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Housing Problems in Poland." The document

includes information on:

1. The need for urban and rural dwelling rooms during 1956-1960
2. Deterioration, and subsequent destruction or retirement from use, of dwelling rooms during the period 1950-1955, and expected during the period 1956-1960.

The information mainly concerns urban dwellings; rural statistics are more general.

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1. Need for urban and rural dwelling rooms during 1956-60:

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a total of 1,200,000 urban dwelling rooms was needed in Poland to prevent further deterioration of the housing situation. ¹ This figure was set in the 1956-60 Five-Year plan. [REDACTED] in 1955 150,000 urban rooms had been built. Under the 1956-60 Five Year Plan there was to be a yearly rate of increase over this figure of about 30,000 rooms which would bring the number built in 1960 up to 300,000. [REDACTED] this goal was unrealistic and [REDACTED] according to expert opinions, a total of only about 1,000,000 urban rooms would be built during the Five Year Plan. Instead of the 1,200,000 officially planned. [REDACTED] even the housing construction program of the Five Year Plan would not solve the situation and further deterioration was expected to occur despite the program. It was also estimated by experts that the percentage of inhabitants for one dwelling room would increase from 1.7 in 1956 to 1.8 in 1960.

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b. [REDACTED] rural rooms [REDACTED] were not planned by the Planning Commission but left to the rural communes and were regulated by the allocation of building materials by the voivodship national councils. The Ministry of Agriculture conducted studies along these lines, and [REDACTED] the allocation to villages of some construction materials for new constructions and for capital repairs; in 1957 900,000 tons of cement and about 1,000,000 m³ boards were allocated, which represented much more than in 1956. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] three times this amount was needed because for so many years rural housing had been neglected in the allocation of materials. [REDACTED] in pre-war Poland about 1,000,000 tons of cement had been sold to the villages.

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2. Deterioration of dwelling rooms 1950-55; 1956-60:

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] while not so many rooms would be destroyed and retired from use between 1956-1960, the deterioration would still continue.

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b. [redacted] credits for capital repairs were substantially increased under the Five Year Plan. [redacted] the Ministry of Communal Economy received about 1,500,000,000 zlotys in 1955, and even more in 1956. [redacted] These sums are insufficient, however, and further deterioration, especially in about 700 small towns, was expected. [redacted] the western territories in 1957 the administration had started to sell one-family houses to private buyers on very convenient credit terms. [redacted] if this selling policy continued and was adopted throughout Poland, deterioration might be halted because owners would be more likely to maintain and take care of their own homes.

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c. [redacted]
[redacted] 1,000,000 homesteads needed capital repairs.

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1. Jedrychowski wrote an article on housing problems which was published in Polish monthly Nowe Drogi in March 1956. [redacted] Professor Dr. Andrzejewski, director of the Construction Research Institute in Warsaw also wrote an article on housing problems in Poland which was published in the April 1957 issue of the economic quarterly, Kwartalnik Ekonomiczny.

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